



## **First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – October 5, 2015**

### **FirstNet News**

- During its October 2 meeting, the FirstNet Board approved key elements of its Requests for Proposal(s) (RFP) to deploy the nationwide public safety broadband network, including a national acquisition approach that creates opportunities for national and regional partnerships – that incorporate rural telecommunications providers – to build and operate the NPSBN. The Board also approved the release of final legal interpretations of certain provisions of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, as well as evaluation factors for the RFP. The Board's actions keep the RFP on schedule for release later this year. More information is available in the [FirstNet press release](#) and on the [October Board meeting webpage](#).
- We are looking forward to the Fall 2015 SPOC Meeting on October 7-8, 2015 in Westminster, CO. We are expecting approximately 150 representatives to attend from 52 states and territories, the PSAC Executive Committee (EC), and the Tribal Working Group. An email was sent earlier today to registered attendees with final meeting information.
- Also this week, FirstNet and Tribal Working Group members will participate in the National Caucus of Native American State Legislators (NCNASL) staff meeting.
- Today, FirstNet released a [Special Notice](#) requesting feedback from stakeholders on Appendix C-10 NPSBN Cyber Security that will inform the development of the cyber security portions of the RFP. Comments shall be submitted via email no later than 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, October 16, 2015.
- The Ninth Canadian Public Safety Interoperability Workshop, widely known as CITIG Nine, will be held November 29-December 2 in Toronto. Registration information and the agenda are available on the [conference website](#).
- Last week, FirstNet participated in the Arizona and Virginia initial consultation meetings, the association staff briefing, the PSAC EC meeting, the FirstNet Committee and Board meetings, the Maine Regional Broadband Summit, the annual West Virginia Statewide Interoperability Conference, a coordination meeting with Health and Human Services (HHS), an International Wireless Communications Expo (IWCE) webinar, the South and North Dakota Combined Law Enforcement Conference, the Alaska Native

Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) Regional Association Board meeting, and the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police Board of Governors meeting.

- To date, FirstNet has held 52 initial state consultation meetings involving more than 3,500 public safety representatives. Future consultations are confirmed for: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (10/20), Guam (10/22), and Oklahoma (10/28). An updated schedule can be viewed on the [website tracker](#).

### **News from the PSAC, States, and Territories**

- The fourth association staff briefing was held last week with representatives from 20 associations. We provided updates on the acquisition, consultation, and PSAC activities and the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP).
- Last week's PSAC EC meeting included a review of plans for consultation in 2016, as well as the PSAC's Early Builder and Tribal Working Groups activities, current assignment deliverables, and potential new taskings for 2016.

### **Media Watch**

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### *Traditional Media*

Media coverage focused on the FirstNet Board meeting, cybersecurity for the NPSBN, and developments around the RFP. Following is a sample of the coverage from this week. For more comprehensive coverage of all FirstNet stories, please consult the daily "Media Mentions" email.

### **Urgent Communications: Preventing A Devastating, OPM-Like Hack Of FirstNet**

<http://urgentcomm.com/blog/preventing-devastating-opm-hack-firstnet>

FirstNet is poised to be a game changer in the public-safety communities, but we can't lose sight of the importance of applying the appropriate security architecture to the overall network design.

### **Radio Resource/Mission Critical: ITS Report Identifies Best Public-Safety LTE Speech, Audio Technologies**

<http://www.mccmag.com/News/NewsDetails/NewsID/13475>

Long Term Evolution (LTE) is the technology envisioned for use on the dedicated nationwide public-safety broadband network to be deployed by the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), an independent authority within NTIA.

### *Web and Social Media*

The #FirstNet team was active on social media this week, with the consultation and Board meetings driving much of the discussion. The FirstNet Twitter account jumped from 2,707 to 2,735 followers; YouTube increased to 165 subscribers; and Google+ has 56 users.

LinkedIn increased to more than 1,000 users. Over the past few months we have achieved a steady follower growth on LinkedIn because we manage and post content on a regular basis. According to LinkedIn's metrics for our FirstNet company page, 24% of the followers have self identified their profile industry as "Telecommunications," while 4.6% are in the "Wireless" category and 6% are from "Public Safety." This info, like other social media metrics, can provide some clues about our core followers on this social media platform.

Blog entries this week included recaps of the Illinois and Indiana State Consultation meetings. All blog posts can also be accessed through the FirstNet blog landing page at: [www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog](http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog).